

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-13 will be pending upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment. In response to the Notification to Comply, mailed June 29, 2006, the specification has been amended to include the Substitute Sequence Listing. The Substitute Sequence Listing finds support in the original Sequence Listing and new SEQ ID NOS: 2 and 3 find support on page 7 of the specification.

The claims have been revised for clarity and to conform to U.S. practice. The proviso in Claims 1 and 7 finds support in original Claim 1 and in the last paragraph on page 4 of the specification. Amended or new Claims 7-12 find support as follows: Claim 7 (Claims 1 and 7), Claim 8 (page 7, lines 21-27), Claim 9 (Claim 9, page 9, lines 24 ff.), Claims 10-12 (page 8, line 11, page 10, first paragraph), Claim 13 (page 6, line 16) and Claims 14-15 (page 3, lines 6-9). Accordingly, the Applicants do not believe that any new matter has been introduced.

Substitute Sequence Listing

Applicants submit herewith a Substitute Sequence Listing and the corresponding computer-readable form (CRF) of the Substitute Sequence Listing. As required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(f), the sequence information recorded in the computer-readable form (CRF) of the substitute Sequence Listing is identical to that in the paper copy of the substitute Sequence Listing. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.821(g) the Applicants state that no new matter has been introduced.

CONCLUSION

Upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment, the Applicants respectfully request an early examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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